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CUT IN HOG PRICES MIGHT NOT EXCEED 50c CWT.

Government Restricts Imports of Non-Essentials

BACON BOARD GIVE OFFICIAL VIEW ON BRITISH CONTRACT

State Changes in Bacon Prices and Hog Prices Not on Same Basis

NO DEDUCTION FOR FUND

Priestley Receives Statement of Views in Letters From Ministers and Board

"We can assure you that the effect of the reduction in the contract price of bacon should not result in a reduction in price to the farmers of approximately more than fifty cents per one hundredweight, live weight basis."

As the sequel to correspondence with Dominion Ministers concerned, initiated by the U.F.A. immediately after the new bacon contract with the British Government was announced some weeks ago, the above official expression of opinion has been received by Norman F. Priestley, the Vice-President, from the Bacon Board. At the same time Mr. Priestley has been advised that L. W. Pearsall, Secretary of the Bacon Board, to whom his correspondence on the subject had been submitted by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, will be in Calgary shortly when there will be an opportunity for discussion of the whole situation.

Hon. J. G. Taggart, Chairman of the Board, also has written to state that he will be in Edmonton on December 11th, for discussion of the matter with livestock interests.

On Day Agreement Announced

Mr. Priestley wrote Ottawa in behalf of the U.F.A. Executive, on the day when the terms of the new contract were announced, November 18th. In a letter to Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce (of which copies were sent to Prime Minister King, Mr. Gardiner, and Mr. Taggart), he stated:

"From press despatches we learn that the Canadian Bacon Board has entered into agreement with the British Ministry of Food to sell Canadian bacon at a price which involves a possibility of reducing the price to farmers approximately $1.50 per hundred pounds bacon weight. If this news is correct it means that agriculture in Alberta has received another staggering blow. Already the domestic market shows a drop of 75 cents per hundred pounds for bacon within the past three weeks. The Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta herewith protests against a bargain so detrimental to the farming industry.

Stabilizing Effect

"During the past twelve months the agreement with Britain has had a stabilizing effect on the hog raising industry. Farmers were encouraged to go more heavily into production and believed that in so doing they were serving the Empire's cause. Then, too, the production of bacon has seemed almost the only source of revenue left to the farmer on anything like a basis of fair returns. Now we face this drastic cut. What other industry in wartime is required to take a cut of seventeen to twenty per cent in net revenue?

"We trust that the intimation of the possibility of the returns to the farmer being greater in proportion to the price paid to the packer under last year's agreement will be realized, and that every possible effort on the part of the Bacon Board will be made to that end."

Mr. Gardiner's Reply

Replying, Hon. J. G. Gardiner wrote:

"There is nothing in the bacon agreement which would justify a reduction in price to the farmer on

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Movement Marks New Milestone

Because it is a concrete symbol of the advances being made by farm people in Alberta in the co-operative way of doing business, the opening last Saturday by the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association of the completely modern and splendidly equipped new Maple Leaf filling station is an event of Province-wide interest.

The new station stands on the corner of Eleventh Avenue and First Street East in Calgary, on property owned by the Association, while between the station and the new headquarters of the United Farmers of Alberta is space to park about forty cars comfortably. The station is especially convenient for the country visitor, who can leave his car in the parking space or in care of the station attendant while doing his business in the city. Close by are the retail store and warehouse of the U.F.A. Co-operative, the U.F.A. Central Office, and the office of *The Western Farm Leader*, the farmers' co-operative newspaper of the Province.

Operated in association with Maple Leaf Petroleum, Limited, the new station is most attractively finished, harmonizing with the U.F.A. Building whose opening was celebrated during the summer. Of brick on concrete foundation, it is of fireproof construction, finished in white stucco, and trimmed in green with autumn colored maple leaves. Complete service in gasoline, oil, and all types of greases is here to be obtained. The station is provided with three calcometer pumps of the newest type, and handles tires, batteries and accessories. I. C. Skow, who has had extended experience in service station operation, is manager. Seen at the pumps in the picture is W. F. Wallace, manager of Maple Leaf Petroleum, Ltd., congratulating Mr. Priestley, chairman of the Co-operative, on the opening of the new station.

The number of oil agencies in the Province now exceeds one hundred.

WAR DIARY ON PAGE 8

Settlement is being negotiated of the dispute over border territory between French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam), which has recently led to some guerilla warfare.

By the end of the present crop year, July 31st next, the Federal Government will take delivery of all wheat of the 1940 crop, Hon. J. A. MacKinnon has announced.

Quoting a newspaper charge that some high officials in the C.B.C. were Fascist sympathizers, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F., demanded a Parliamentary enquiry into recent resignations from the C.B.C. staff.

Canadian women will soon have to do without silk stockings, as the Federal Government is gradually reducing and will finally stop altogether the import of silk from Japan.

NEW MEASURES AIM TO BRING GREATER EFFICIENCY IN WAR

Prohibit Some and Restrict Other Exports From Non-Sterling Countries

DETAILS GIVEN

Need Is Great to Conserve and Secure Foreign Exchange for War Purchases

By M. McDOUGALL
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, Dec. 4th.—That this is a war of all Canadian people and a war of increasing sacrifices was brought vividly before the House of Commons this week by the introduction by Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley, of measures to restrict the import of non-essential commodities.

The Canadian nation took a new hitch in its financial armor.

The Immediate Problem

The immediate problem confronting the Finance Minister, who has to furnish the funds for the prosecution of the war, is to secure and conserve the foreign exchange needed for our purchases of war materials in the United States.

No permanent change is being made in this country's trade policies. Certain imports are being prohibited and others restricted, but, as pointed out by the Minister, total purchases from the United States, because of the rapidly growing imports of war supplies and equipment, will be larger next year than ever before in our history.

Prohibited List

The following commodities cannot be imported from non-sterling countries: "prepared cereal foods; florist stock and cut flowers; processed and canned fruits and vegetables (but not currants, raisins, dates, apricots nor grapefruit juice); preserved fish, oysters and crab; manufactured tobacco; spirits and wines; certain classes of fiction magazines and comics; consumers' paper items; perfumes, etc.; china and glass; silverware; electrical household appliances; stoves etc.; bathroom fittings; automobiles; sporting goods and fishing tackle; cameras; furniture of wood or metal; radios; phonographs; musical instruments; luggage; all finished clothing or wearing apparel; silk fabrics; ornaments; jewellery and precious stones; toys and dolls; and various miscellaneous articles." Fresh fruits and vegetables are not included in the prohibited list.

Restricted List

Restriction is being placed on the importation of unmanufactured tobacco, automobiles and motor vehicles, other than passenger automobiles, hardwoods and veneers and plywood, raw silk and various partially manu-

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL DELEGATES MEETING

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Alberta Wheat Pool opened in the Palliser Hotel at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26th. Lew Hutchinson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order. In his opening remarks Mr. Hutchinson referred to the European war and said, "All of us as individuals and as an organization are willing to do our bit in bringing this terrible war to a right conclusion."

Mr. Hutchinson mentioned an important matter which the delegates must deal with, namely, the re-organization of the Wheat Pool set-up and change in the constitution, and expressed the belief that sound commonsense and good judgment would lead to a just and equitable decision being reached.

Mr. Hutchinson also referred to the absence from the convention, due to illness, of Ben S. Plumer, of Bassano, director for South Calgary.

Convention Chairmen

John Fowlie, of Bindloss, was elected chairman for the Convention sittings, and H. I. Montgomery, of Nanton, and J. A. Johansen, of Woolford, were elected assistant chairmen.

The Convention decided to restrict attendance at the sessions to: delegates, directors, representatives of affiliated organizations, members of the staff, and Pool members.

Committees were selected as follows:

Order of Business—C. A. Fawcett, H. L. Taggart and W. A. Walter.

Resolutions—T. S. Montgomerie, H. Foreman and V. J. Bertrand.

Manager's Report

Alberta Pool Elevagors earned a net surplus of $764,283.40 during the business year ending July 31st, 1940. Net operating earnings were $1,551,507.06. From that sum was deducted $573,346.58 for depreciation, and $213,877.08 paid the Alberta Government as interest.

This information was given to the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates, assembled in Annual Convention, by R. D. Purdy, general manager. He stated that the net earnings for 1939-40 reflect a financial improvement of approximately $300,000 as compared with the results of the previous year.

Total handlings by Pool elevators during the year were over 45 million bushels.

During the year a new elevator was built at Hines Creek, and second elevators erected at Michichi, Rowley, Lacombe and Nobleford.

Capacity Greatly Increased

In addition, 21 cribbed annexes were built, also balloon and loxtave annexes were built at some 200 points in order to provide additional storage in view of the congestion.

The total building program has brought the capacity of Alberta Pool Elevators up to more than 25 million bushels, an increase of over seven million bushels.

Regarding prospects for earnings in the current crop year, Mr. Purdy said the reduction in storage rates and the narrowed spreads on street wheat will result in an important decrease in revenue. This will be offset somewhat by increased revenue from storage of grain.

Director's Report

The directors' report contained a review of a wide number of activities. The results of the pools formed under the Wheat Co-operative Marketing Act, 1939, were as follows: No. 1 Pool, closed on May 17th, 1940, handled 133,052 bushels of wheat, the total payment being 77.5c per bushel, basis One Northern Fort William; No. 2 Pool, operated between May 17th and July 31st, handled 33,657 bushels, and the total payment was 70.4c per bushel, basis One Northern Fort William.

During the year covered by the report, 255 Pool meetings were held throughout the province, the aggregate attendance being 28,922.

The tests which have been conducted in Eastern Canada during the past five years under the auspices of the National Barley Committee for the purpose of determining the relative value of barley as hog feed as compared with corn and other cereals, were completed this year with results indicating that our western barley is equal, and in most respects, superior, to corn and other feed. The three Provincial Pools have furnished the barley for these tests and it is hoped the expenditure entailed thereby will come back to our growers by way of an increased outlet for western barley in Eastern Canada.

Constitutional Amendments

At the last annual meeting a resolution was passed instructing the board to work out a plan for a settlement of the problems arising out of the 1929 overpayment and to submit the plan to a special meeting of delegates if it was found necessary to do so in order to have it in final shape in sufficient time to secure the passage (at the next session of the Provincial Legislature) of the legislation necessary to implement the plan. Accordingly, a plan was worked out and presented to the delegates at a special meeting held early in February. After a four-day discussion the opinions of the delegates became synchronized on a future policy based on broad co-operative principles. At the same time the board was instructed to prepare and submit to the delegates a plan whereby these principles may be applied. It was further agreed that if it was found possible to have the necessary legislation passed by the Provincial Legislature during the following spring or summer, another special meeting of delegates should be called to consider and to ratify the said plan if it was found acceptable.

The Provincial Legislature convened last March, but inasmuch as the session was short, a suitable opportunity to present our problem was not afforded and the second special meeting of delegates was not called.

Canadian Pool Agencies Limited

In order to effect economies in the servicing of their insurance requirements, the three Provincial Pools on June 30th, 1928, established a brokerage company under the corporate name of Canadian Pool Agencies, Limited, with a capital of $20,000.00, all of which was subscribed and paid by the Provincial Pools in the following proportions:

Manitoba Pool Elevators, Limited	$6,660.00
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool	6,670.00
Alberta Wheat Pool	6,670.00

In the twelve years during which Canadian Pool Agencies, Limited, has functioned, the results of its operations have been very satisfactory. Earnings have fluctuated from year to year, depending on the number of Pool elevators in operation in the three Provinces and the volume and value of grain handled each year. Its operations have been conducted on the basis of service rather than profit. Notwithstanding that fact, and the further fact that during the last few years the rates on several classes of insurance have been reduced, thereby limiting the earnings which otherwise would have accrued to it, the agency has distributed to the three Pooling associations over half a million dollars in dividends since its incorporation.

Pool Insurance Limited

Another subsidiary of more recent origin is Pool Insurance Limited. This company was established with a view to still further economies by way of entry into the insurance field. It was incorporated in May, 1939, under "The Insurance Act" of the Province of Manitoba, with an authorized capital of $500,000.00, divided into 5,000 shares of $100.00 each. Of that amount, 2,000 shares have been issued and $90,495.00 paid thereon. All the issued stock of Pool Insurance Limited is held by the three Pools in the following proportions:

	No. of shares	*Amount Paid*
Manitoba Pool Elevators, Ltd.	668	$30,225
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool	666	30,135
Alberta Wheat Pool	666	30,135
Total	2,000	$90,495

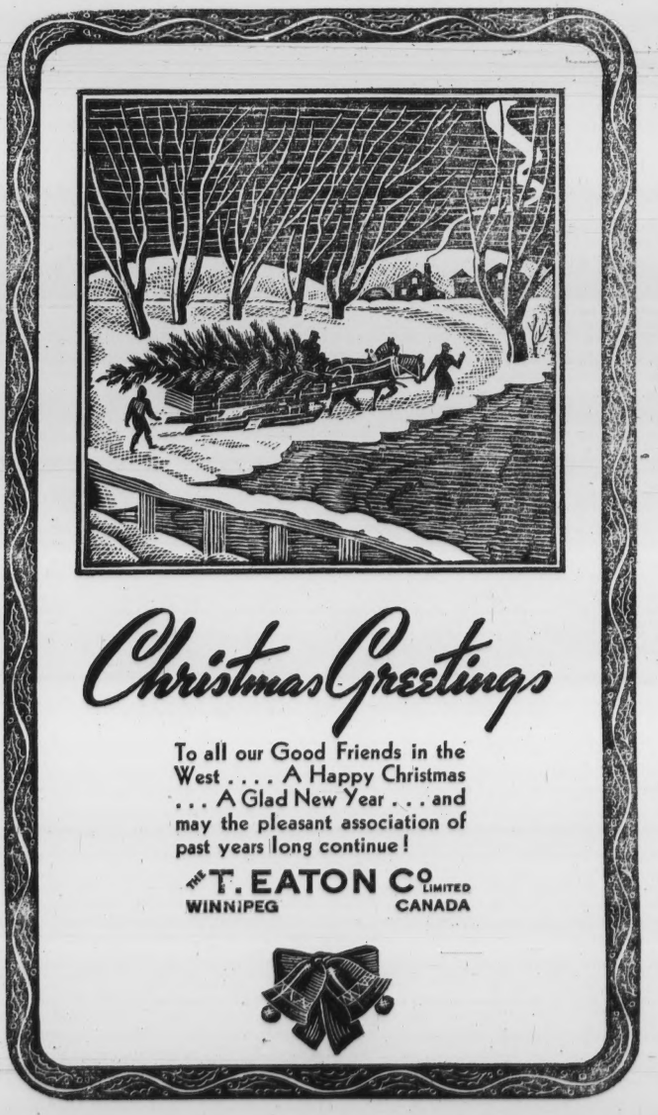
This new subsidiary commenced business on August 1st, 1939. Its operations over the five months period, August 1st to December 31st, 1939, resulted in an operating surplus of $11,266.82, after paying all organization expenses, reducing the book value of Dominion Government bonds by $3,000.00, setting up a general reserve of $5,000.00, and allowing Canadian Pool Agencies, Limited, $2,500.00 for administration. A capital stock dividend has been paid on the basis of five (5%) per cent per annum and the balance of the surplus has been distributed to the three Pools, based on the amount of business contributed by each organization. Details of dividends paid are as follows:

	Capital Stock Dividend	*Patronage Dividend*	*Total*
Manitoba Pool Elevators, Ltd.	$ 523.44	$1,127.26	$1,650.70
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool	521.87	6,212.47	6,734.34
Alberta Wheat Pool	521.87	2,359.91	2,881.78
Total	$1,567.18	$9,699.64	$11,266.82

In anticipation of continued expansion of its activities in the field of insurance, the company has recently obtained Dominion incorporation by the passing of a private bill in the House of Commons on July 22nd, 1940, and by the Senate on July 24th, 1940. In the process, the name of the company was changed to "Pool Insurance Company". It is expected that business will be carried on under this new name on and after January 1st, 1941.

Conclusion

We are now well into another year's operations. Conditions unique in the



We Suggest for Xmas
BOX OF CHOCOLATES
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION
PIPE
CIGARS AND TOBACCOS
GRAND CIGAR STORE
AND TEA ROOMS
At entrance to Wheat Pool Offices
606 - 1st St. West Calgary

Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

Re Our 1940 Operations . . .

To Our Members and Friends:

Recently there was a small article in *The Western Farm Leader* on our operations. Since that time, however, your Dairy Pool auditors have completed the survey of the first nine months in 1940 and we thought that you would be quite interested in hearing possibly just a bit more definitely on our progress.

Our Pool in 1940 to the end of October has shown a profit somewhat above the same period in 1939. The surplus of the individual branches is very comparatively the same as a year ago, in one or more cases the profits are a little higher and in the other case are a little bit lower. All in all, they are in a very satisfactory condition.

Adequate Reserves Provided

Added to that, our Pool, in accordance with sound business ethics, has provided adequate depreciation and other contingency reserves to further assure the continued stability of our organization.

On account of the war conditions prevailing, we are not at this time able to predict accurately the results of our operations for the year, but we feel nevertheless reasonably confident in stating that they will be at least equal to a year ago.

The policy of our Pool is that all shippers, if possible, be members, and accordingly if you have not yet joined us, below is an application form. Please fill it in now and mail it to Red Deer, or give it to our staff member who services you on your cream.

MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO THE POOL OFFICE, RED DEER

This acknowledges application for Membership ..... **19** ....
(*Date*)

Mr. .....
(*Name*) (*Address*)

In The **Central Alberta Dairy Pool**

Payment of **ONE DOLLAR for Permanent Membership will be made—**
either **1. By CASH herewith;**
or **2. By DEDUCTION from my returns on cream or milk in two or more deductions.**

.....
(*Producer's Signature*)

If you are paying Fee in Cash, strike out line 2, and vice versa.

Let Us Become Masters of Our Own Destiny . . .

Dear Members:

Members of our Pool will be glad to know that steady progress is being maintained in each of their three units,—and what also must be very heartening not only to our own members but to every co-operator is the fact that irrespective of what newspaper you pick up today, the value of the co-operative movement is being continuously stressed. Magazines which by no stretch of the imagination could be regarded as pro-co-operative carry striking stories of whole neighborhoods being lifted out of poverty and the slough of despondency to thriving confident communities.

Sees Urgent Need

With these articles you are all very conversant, but before passing I would like to quote a big business man, a financier; this quotation is culled from the annual report of the head of a large insurance company. Here it is—"I believe we will have to pay greater attention than in the past to the urgent need of restoring to the rural part of our population a *parity of earning power.* You cannot maintain proper balance in a country if you have one element in the community thoroughly organized and another element unorganized."

Now, just what did this gentleman mean? What could he have been thinking of? Very likely, it was the fact that in 1926 *agriculture received* 24 *per cent of the National Income. From* 1926 *there has been a steady reduction in this share until it amounted to only* 14.8 *per cent of the total National Income in* 1931. *As a business man, he realizes the inequalities existing under our present econ-*

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life of our agricultural industry, and new and bewildering to the internal economy of Canada, confront us—and overshadowing all other problems is the menace to everything that co-operation and democracy stand for. The winning of this war is, and must continue to be, our first consideration. The times demand a united Canada, an alert aggressive people devoted to one common purpose—the annihilation, utter and final, of Hitlerism and all it stands for; and to one common cause—the perpetuation of liberty of thought and action, and the extension of justice to all peace loving people, the basic principles on which co-operation is founded. To that purpose and to that cause, no group of people will respond with greater zeal and sacrifice than the people who till the soil—the people who make up the membership of this association. We therefore face with high courage whatever ordeal the coming months and years may bring—confident that in the end the forces of democracy and goodwill shall prevail.

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Ear corn is being sold for fuel, in the Argentine, at prices ranging from $5.40 to $6.75 per short ton.

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After your Birds have been properly dressed and held in a clean, cool place for at least 24 hours, wrap each Bird individually with clean, dry paper and insert 4-6 Birds, head first in a clean jute bag. Leave feet outside end of bag and tie open end of the bag securely around the legs. In this way your Birds will come to market in good shape.

"Be sure to use Clean Bags and plenty of Dry Paper."

Numbers of cattle in Alberta were greater in June, 1940, than in the previous year, according to the last estimate of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Numbers of sheep increased in all the Western Provinces, and hogs show a large increase throughout the Dominion.

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Home from Home

He was doing his best to fit his key into the lock, singing a happy song meanwhile. After a time a head looked out of the window above.

"Go away, you fool," cried the man upstairs. "You're trying to get into the wrong house."

"Fool yourself!" shouted back the man below. "You're looking out the wrong window."

THE CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

BUYING DATES DRESSED TURKEYS

In DECEMBER, 1940

ALIX AND DISTRICT

Place	*Representative*	*Date*
ALIX	C.A.D.P. Plant	2nd to 17th
TROCHU	Trochu Meat Market	5th and 12th
THREE HILLS	Three Hills Meat Market	6th and 13th
STETTLER	Speice & Lincoln	6th to 15th
BIG VALLEY	Fred Law	2nd to 12th
RUMSEY	Fred Law	4th and 11th
GADSBY	Tom Gravely	6th to 15th
CASTOR	O. W. Colley	6th to 15th
CORONATION	Jack Anderson	4th to 16th
VETERAN	Mr. Armstrong	5th and 12th
CONSORT	W. A. Isaac	6th and 13th
BYEMOOR	C. Wooden	3rd and 10th
ENDIANG	A. H. Evans	4th and 11th
LACOMBE	Brown & Todd	7th and 14th

BOWDEN AND DISTRICT

BOWDEN	C.A.D.P. Plant	6th to 17th
CARSTAIRS	R. Stirling	6th and 12th
DIDSBURY	A. R. Kendrick	7th and 13th
OLDS	Archie Boyce	10th and 14th
INNISFAIL	U.F.A. Store	6th to 14th

RED DEER AND DISTRICT

RED DEER	Condensery	6th to 16th
CONDOR		9th
ECKVILLE	Medicine Valley Co-op	10th and 17th
WITHROW	Medicine Valley Co-op	11th
LESLIEVILLE	Medicine Valley Co-op	12th
LEEDALE	Mrs. Lindsay	12th
ALHAMBRA	Medicine Valley Co-op	13th
BENALTO	Medicine Valley Co-op	13th
ROCKY MT. HOUSE	Medicine Valley Co-op	14th
SYLVAN LAKE	Medicine Valley Co-op.	16th
RIMBEY	George Mowbray	17th
BENTLEY	Mr. Holmes	9th

May we Suggest Again—Properly flesh and fatten your Poultry Flocks, correctly and carefully dress them, then

SHIP THEM TO YOUR POOL

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KEY TO FARMERS' FUTURE

In a broadcast over the C.B.C. network last week, George G. Coote made it abundantly clear that victory is the first and vital interest of the farmers of Western Canada.

It is, of course, the first interest of all the peoples of the democracies, and vital to the realization of any future tolerable world. But it is in an especial sense vital to the agricultural people of Western Canada.

As Mr. Coote pointed out, the position of the Western farmer, serious as it is today, would become desperate were the Nazis to win the war. The West would be economically ruined, since export trade in agricultural products would "dwindle to a mere trickle. . . . Our freedom and the standard of living to which we are accustomed would be gone. Stern and constrictive regulation would supplant our present freedom, and crippling taxation impoverish the people."

The lowering of the Western farmers' standard of living in recent years has been due mainly to the growth in Europe of so-called "economic nationalism"—one aspect of which was the rigid curtailment of agricultural imports from abroad in order to build up a self-contained economy adapted to the needs of the coming war.

The defeat of Nazi barbarism, and the creation, in a new Europe, of an economy based upon neighborly association between the nations—perhaps of a European Federation, perhaps even the building of a world Federation—will provide the atmosphere on which again trade between the peoples will become possible.

In such an outcome lies the hope of the farmer of Western Canada.

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WHEAT POOL CONVENTION

As we go to press one of the most important Conventions of the Alberta Wheat Pool held in recent years is still in session. As an article published elsewhere in this issue indicates, matters of great significance for the membership of the co-operative are on the agenda.

The Pool has enjoyed a most successful year, earning a large net surplus, and greatly strengthening its financial position. It enters the period of special new problems created for the whole wheat industry of the West by the growing wheat surplus well fortified to meet the future.

The strength of the Pool and the continued confidence which it has earned and won from the growers must be a source of gratification to all who wish the farming industry well.

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ROWELL-SIROIS REPORT

Few Albertans can find time to read through the whole of the voluminous report of the Rowell-Sirois Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations. It is a very lengthy document.

Perhaps fewer still can afford the price of the complete report, which is beyond the means even of most organizations.

The Canadian Association for Adult Education and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs have done a national service by preparing a twenty-three page pamphlet entitled "Confederation Marches On", in which the main recommendations of the Commission are summarized. It is an ideal introduction to the study of a subject which is likely to loom more and more in the public eye during the next few months. After studying it, some of our readers will no doubt be tempted to go further and obtain sections of the report itself in which they may be especially interested.

"Confederation Marches On" concludes with these words:

"The fight against external aggression and the fight against internal obsolescence and decay are part of the same fight—the fight for democracy and all its positive, enduring values. Have we the courage to make necessary improvements in our system, when the need is apparent and the method is placed ready to our hands? Have we the necessary vision? Have we strong and dynamic leadership to point the way? Have we understanding among the people of all Provinces to follow our leaders intelligently?

"This is the challenge of the report of the Rowell-Sirois Commission. It is not one that can be deferred or evaded. By our actions in the next few months the character of Canadian citizenship will be tested. Our action in this regard will provide a measure of the quality of our democracy."

The pamphlet is priced at 40 cents. The address of the Canadian Association for Adult Education is 166 College St., Toronto.

Another most interesting pamphlet from the Association just to hand is entitled, "Are There Too Many Farmers?" Its price is 10 cents.

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The series of broadcasts given under the auspices of the United Farmers of Alberta last week formed a constructive contribution to the discussion of the problems of Western agriculture. While the development of the thriving co-operative enterprise forms a major activity of the movement today, the whole field of farm interests is given constant attention. Preparations for the Annual Convention to be held in Calgary in January are under way, and in our next issue we hope to give an outline of what is likely to prove an interesting and valuable program.

Silent Christmas Bells

By SYDNEY MAY

(Church Bells in England are only to be used to give warning in the event of an attempted invasion)

THOUGH merry bells of England
Tell not of Jesus' birth;
The silence that is England,
Still rings around the earth
The same old Christmas message,
And never shall it cease
To tell that England's glory
Rests with the Prince of Peace.

O, silent bells, you thunder
The tale of Peace on Earth,
And fill the foe with wonder
That we can still feel mirth.
O, silent bells, your story
Is louder still by far
Than all the booming echoes
Of hate and blood and war.

The merry bells of England
Tho' silent, still shall guide
Her sons back to the homeland,
Altho' great seas divide.
No English bells sound tidings
In this most dreadful year;
The very sound of silence
Rings forth their Christmas cheer.

But should the foe assail her,
Upon His natal day,
The silence that is England,
Shall quickly pass away,
And merry bells of England
In midst of war and death
Ring forth their double message
Of warning and of Faith.

Yea, ring it forth forever,
Then ring it forth again;
That Christ forsakes none ever,
Who love their fellowmen.
O, silent bells of England
Proclaim on Christmas morn,
"There'll always be an England"
And "Christ once more is born".

Chairman Describes Greatest Asset of Alberta Wheat Pool

Confidence Between Working Farmer and Head Office—Pool Holds Annual Banquet

"The greatest asset of the Alberta Wheat Pool is the confidence engendered by the close contact between the working farmers and the head office, obtained directly through the delegates," stated Lew Hutchinson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pool, in a brief address at the Annual Banquet of delegates and guests held in the Renfrew Club in Calgary last week. The banquet was largely attended, with many visitors present from sister organizations in Alberta and other Provinces of the West.

Welcomed by Acting Mayor

Welcomed by the Acting Mayor, Ald. Frank Freeze, who spoke of the wheat problem as the gravest now facing the nation, and expressed the hope that the Convention would be able to make an important contribution to its solution, the gathering proved a most successful and enjoyable one. Various well-known speakers were heard during the evening.

Mr. Hutchinson briefly touched upon the highlights of the Pool year, quoting figures bearing out to the full his description of it as "one of the most successful experiences in recent times," and pointing out that "In the comparatively brief space of a single decade, Alberta Pool Elevators due to the patronage of Alberta farmers, has made a business recovery to an extent few would have imagined possible. This," he added, "must be a matter of great satisfaction to every farmer who appreciates the co-operative movement." Successful operation of the Pool elevators, he emphasized, lies in volume.

Presides at Banquet

LEW HUTCHINSON,
Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Referring to the "serious task of reconstructing the Alberta Pool financial set-up," which the delegates have undertaken at the convention, Mr. Hutchinson said, "We are seeking to be fair in every move we make, and we believe that the experience of the years will bring the application of a substantial measure of commonsense and equity to this problem. Above all we must maintain the security of this organization. . . . Just as long as the Wheat Pools are strong, the farmers of the West are not left in a helpless and hopeless position."

Congratulations From U.F.A.

Congratulations on the successes of the past year were brought by George E. Church of the U.F.A. in behalf of the Association, which had been often described as the parent of the Pool. Good management had played its part in Pool affairs, but the confidence and support of the farmers was even more important.

John Grant, supervisor of co-operative activities branch of the Alberta Government, expressed pride in the success of the Pool, while E. W. Brunsden, secretary of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, said but for the help of the Pool the Federation would have been unable to carry on its work. Mr. Brunsden reviewed the policy of the Federation and its various fields of activity.

In behalf of the farm press, C. W. Peterson of *The Farm and Ranch Review* and W. Norman Smith of *The Western Farm Leader*, brought felicitations. Mr. Peterson spoke of the value of binding contracts such as were used by European co-operators. Mr. Smith said the combination of idealism and practical business which were exemplified in the co-operative movement formed the chief hope of civilization.

Congratulations were also extended by W. A. Macleod of Winnipeg, director of publicity for the Canadian Wheat Pool. Entertainment was provided by the Alberta Range Boys, radio artists.

Win Three Championships for Alberta

Wheat and oats championships, at the Chicago International show, were brought to Alberta by two young exhibitors. Francis Rigby, of Wembley, won the wheat title for the third successive year, with Reward wheat. He and Paul Pawlowski, Vilna, who won the oats title with a sample of Victory oats, have been members of the Junior grain clubs sponsored by the Alberta Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers, Limited. The field beans championship was won by John Hamilton, Coaldale.

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Paul F. Bredt, president of Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, was buried in Winnipeg on Monday. He died suddenly while attending the Alberta Wheat Pool annual meeting, collapsing just after addressing the delegates.

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Strong dissatisfaction with the compulsory rail-grading of hogs was expressed at a meeting sponsored by Wetaskiwin U.F.A. recently, when S. W. Sheppard, of the Dominion Livestock Branch, explained the new regulation, and answered many questions from the audience. R. Hennig, of the U.F.A. Central Executive, spoke on the need for control of wheat production.

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With a profit of $1,222, a turnover of $208,000 and a membership of 75, Bow Slope Shipping Association reported a successful year. Carl Anderson, Scandia, is secretary.

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• Some of the More Readable New Books •

By ALEXANDER CALHOUN, M.A.
Librarian, Calgary Public Library

THIS brief survey of some of the more readable and interesting new books makes no pretensions to be critical. Some of these books have just been published, others will be ready shortly. The writer does not pretend to have read all of them. He is merely presenting a rough and ready market guide for the Christmas purchaser.

Books, it is to be regretted, are becoming more expensive. This is particularly true of novels, which seem to grow bigger and bigger. It is a strange phenomenon in this age of speed. Novels costing three dollars or more are becoming the rule, rather than the exception. Other books are also dearer, due chiefly to war taxes and exchange. Canadian prices will be, in some cases, considerably higher than those quoted here, but booksellers are not making excessive profits.

Books and the War

The war is having its effect upon the writing and publishing of books. Over almost the whole of Europe, black night has fallen. Cultural life is at a standstill. If books are being written, they are not being published. The one magnificent exception is Britain, where publishers are making a gallant effort, under almost insuperable difficulties, to keep going. London publishing plants have, so far, escaped serious damage, but shortage of paper is curtailing publishing, and there are many delays. Naturally United States publishers have a distinct advantage, and their presses are turning out more and more books.

The last war seemed to stimulate creative writing. It gave us Rupert Brooke, Siegfried Sassoon, Edmund Blunden, and many other poets and novelists of the first rank.

This war seems to have paralyzed creative effort. It is totalitarian war, and its vast human tragedy deadens the imagination. It is a journalists' war much more than the last one. Moreover, those who write now are seeking their inspiration in a remote past, in times which, though troubled, can be viewed with tranquility. Thomas Mann's latest novel, "The Beloved Returns", makes Goethe's lover its heroine. Hugh Walpole goes back to Elizabethan times for the plot of "Bright Pavilions".

One hopeful feature is that scores of Europe's best writers are on American soil, exiles from their homelands. It is not too much to hope that they will eventually make a rich cultural contribution to the life of this continent. But for the time being their creative life is dimmed.

War Books

If the war has quenched creative work, it has not discouraged the journalist. A flood of books about the war, or dealing with war problems, pours from the presses. They are not literature, they may not live, but they often make fascinating reading and they record the tragedies of the hour.

I am going to place first on my list a Canadian book by a Canadian author, John MacCormac's *Canada, America's Problem* (MacM. $3.25). This is a book every good Canadian should read. It is an easy book to read. It is written with passion, and poses forcefully those very problems which Canadians need to ponder: what are to be our relations with the United States? with South America? and the rest of the world? both now and after the war.

Professor Edgar McInnis of the University of Toronto has written a very useful little book in *The War, First Year* (Oxford Press $1.50).

The collapse of France has produced a stream of explanatory volumes. The two best are by Frenchmen, *The Tragedy of France* by Andre Maurois (Harper $2.00), and *The Seven Mysteries of Europe* by Jules Romains (Knopf $2.50). Both books have had serial publication. The latter is super journalism almost refined into literature. Its author, Jules Romains, is France's greatest living novelist and his fictional work, *Men of Good Will*, the longest if not the greatest novel ever written. It is still a work in progress. Both of these great Frenchmen are now living in New York.

The Tragedy of Poland is well conveyed in Polish profile by Princess Sapieha (Carrick $2.50), the American wife of a Polish landowner. This is a fascinating book, describing vividly a backward feudal country, totally unprepared for the tornado of war.

I Saw It Happen in Norway by Hambro (Ryerson $3.00), the President of the Norwegian Parliament, does the same for Norway.

Irmgard Litten's *Beyond Tears* (English title, *A Mother Fights Hitler*), (Alliance $2.75), is a notable book out of Germany, and describes the author's brave but hopeless fight to save her son from Hitler's Gestapo. The author is now living in England.

Noel Monk's *Squadrons Up* (Putnam $2.75) is the first book to describe the gallant exploits of young English pilots, in this war.

A 20 Cent Book

Lastly, I would like to recommend two idealistic books. From Laski's prolific pen comes *Where Do We Go From Here?* This is a Penguin Special and costs 20 cents. This is the one cheap book in my list. In it Laski sets forth cogently the democratic revolution which he feels must take place, if we are to win the war.

Anne Lindbergh has done a very brave thing in writing her much publicized *Wave of the Future* (Harcourt $1.00), which you can read in half an hour. Her thesis, in brief, is that this war is a world revolution. Her book is beautifully written.

Country Books

Following closely upon the heels of that popular success *The Horse and Buggy Doctor*, a flock of "country" books have been appearing. *The Country Lawyer* by Partridge (McLeod $3.00) published a year ago was the genuine article, and possibly the best of the lot. Some of the more recent ones are "made to order", but nonethe-less nearly as good as the homemade. They are homely, salty, humorous books, which catch and preserve some of the flavor of an age that is passing. Here are the best of the lot:

Our Book Reviews

We have pleasure in presenting again this year two features of our Christmas Number to which our readers have come to look forward with very great interest indeed: the review of the season's books for adults, and the review of children's books, generously contributed respectively by Mr. Calhoun and Miss Riley over a period of several years. This guide to good reading for Christmas and all the year round always has been highly valued.

Hough—*Country Editor* (Doubl. $3.00).

Gilbert—*Forty Years a Country Preacher* (Musson $3.00).

Dinsmore—*Hoss Doctor, Memoirs of a Country Vet* (Waverly House $3.00)

Biography

Lord Tweedsmuir's autobiography, *Memory Hold the Door* (Musson $3.75) forms a fitting crown to the career of a much loved writer, statesman and patriot. In a year not notable for biographical writing it stands pre-eminent.

As I Remember Him, the biography of R.S. by Hans Zinsser (McClel. $3.25) is another doctor's story. The author died shortly after the book

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Armine von Tempski, who is the author of some vivid novels with Hawaiian settings, has written about her life in that enticing land. *Born in Paradise* (Collins $3.50), in form an autobiography, will appeal to lovers of travel books.

Mathematics

Those who enjoyed Hogben's *Mathematics for the Million* will wish to read Kasner's *Mathematics and the Imagination* (Simon $2.75). What a delightful escape it offers to a real mathematician! Not for amateurs.

The Arctic Flying Patrol

Walter Gilbert's name is well known in the Northland, as one of that band of intrepid pilots who fly the Arctic wastes. He has told his story to Kathleen Shackleton who has written it down for him in *Arctic Pilot* (Nelson $2.50). Not a stirring tale perhaps, a mere logbook, but what an epic lies behind the modest word! This is the first book I remember to be written on this chapter of Canadian enterprise, and so it is worthy of a place in our list.

And One Humorous Book

The Lives and Times of Archy and Mehitabel by Don Marquis (Doubl. $2.50) will be treasured by all admirers of Don Marquis. This is a big book, a reprint of three smaller books, the whole tale of Archy the cockroach and Mehitabel the cat.

Fiction

Space does not permit any lengthy reference to new novels. I therefore list these in rough order according to their importance, quality and popularity:

Roberts—*Oliver Wiswell* (Doubleday $3.25)—Long Revolutionary novel. Hero a Tory and ultimate U.E.L.

Hemingway—*For Whom the Bell Tolls* (Saunders $3.00)—Novel of the Spanish Civil War, considered author's best work.

Spring—*Fame is the Spur* (Collins $2.75)—Poor boy works his way to riches but not happiness.

Fedorova—*The Family* (Little $2.00)—Unusual first novel; Atlantic Monthly prize novel. Russian boardinghouse in Tientsin.

Walpole—*Bright Pavilions* (McClelland $3.00)—Elizabethan Herries novel.

Llewellyn—*How Green was My Valley* (MacMillan $2.75)—This beautiful Welsh novel still a favorite.

Douglas—*Invitation to Live* (Allen $2.50)—Another Lloyd Douglas novel.

White—*Wild Geese Flying* (Doubleday $2.50)—Alaska setting—wholesome, out-of-doors tale.

Ringuet—*Thirty Acres* (MacMillan $2.00)—Another French-Canadian habitant novel of high literary merit by a French Canadian.

Morgan—*The Voyage* (MacMillan $2.50)—by probably our best English novelist.

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BOOKS from ENGLAND for Boys and Girls

By LOUISE RILEY
Children's Librarian,
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FOR some years now I have recommended books for you to buy as Christmas gifts for boys and girls. Many of them have been books published in the United States because they were excellent books and because they were more accessible to us. This year these books are just as beautiful and exciting as usual, and I have no wish to discriminate against them. But I think our American neighbors will understand if, in 1940, we buy books published in England.

Head List by Children's Classic

This will cause no disappointment to our boys and girls. When we think of the literary heritage of childhood we think of Defoe, Stevenson, Lewis Carroll, Barrie, Kipling, de la Mare, and Milne. Books by these men of the British Isles head any list of children's classics. They have been put at the head of the list by the children themselves, whose one test of a book is the enjoyment to be had in reading it. Children do not read book reviews, they know nothing of the snob appeal which makes an adult read a book because people are talking about it. But they do know what they like, and they are faithful to those writers who give it to them.

English writers excel in the creation of books of the imagination. Perhaps we have been too occupied in the last few years with teaching children the practical things of life. It is possible that we have given them books on steam-shovels and engines and forgotten that they may be poets who need to stretch their imaginations. We want them to grow into men and women of action. But we must remember too that, as Andre Maurois puts it, "Information is not culture. . . . The statistician cuts up a world and kills it, the poet moulds a world and gives it life. The great man of action resembles the poet much more closely than he does the encyclopedist."

Brave People Creating Them

In England today brave men and women are writing these books of imagination. They are writing them in spite of falling bombs. Publishers are overcoming almost insurmountable difficulties in producing them. Ships steal in convoy across the stormy Atlantic to bring them to us. We buy these books for our children and back go the ships with food and the materials of war.

Arthur Ransome is one of the most outstanding writers of children's books in England today. We introduced his books to the children of Calgary with some diffidence because geography makes these boys and girls landlubbers, and Arthur Ransome's books are all about sailing. But the spirit of Drake and Nelson and of the men of the Jervis Bay lives even in Alberta and our boys and girls love these stories. This is what a boy wrote only the other day in the Calgary Public Library: "My favorite author is Ransome. I think he writes the most exciting stories. For instance, in 'Swallowdale' he tells it just like it happened to you. Ransome's book called 'Swallows and Amazons' is what I would consider the best book in the Public Library." His newest book, "The Big Six", is on its way across the Atlantic to us now.

Howard Spring's name is probably associated in your mind with novels for adults. But he is the author of two outstanding books for boys and girls, *Sampson's Circus* and *Tumbledown Dick*. These are lusty, rollicking tales, full of character and adventure. I have yet to find a child who can resist them.

Dr. Doolittle's Exploits

If you have ever searched the shelves of a Public Library for a book by Hugh Lofting you will know that it is practically impossible to find anything but an empty space where the books should be. There could be no higher tribute to a writer. Hugh Lofting began writing these yarns about Dr. Doolittle in the last war. He wanted to write to his own children and he did not want to tell them about war and horror. So he created for their amusement this funny little doctor, with his high hat and his small bag and his great knowledge of animal therapy. Hugh Lofting believes in this Doctor Dolittle and his impossible exploits, and while you read these books you believe in him too.

The Carnegie Medal for the best children's book published in England went this year to Eleanor Doorly for her book *Radium Woman*. This is an abridgement for your readers of Eve Curie's life of her mother. It stresses the childhood of the little Manya in Poland, and it is perhaps a good thing for our children to learn what it is like to g ow up in a country which is under the control of a ruthless conqueror.

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• WAR DIARY •

Nov. 14th.—Britain to draft million industrial workers, half of them women, for war work. R.A.F. bomb Taranto harbor and docks, Berlin railways, other Nazi objectives. Report from Berlin source says Russia to be given free hand by Nazis south through India. 19 Nazi planes downed over Britain, two R.A.F. planes lost, pilots safe.

Nov. 15th.—Ten R.A.F. planes lost in heavy attacks on Berlin, ports on long coastline, heavy damage inflicted. Coventry, important industrial centre, savagely bombed; 18 Nazi planes brought down.

Nov. 16th.—Greeks advance against Italians. British air attacks centre on Hamburg, Kiel, Stavanger, other Nazi airdromes, Brindisi. Furious air attack on London.

Nov. 17th.—R.A.F. bombs Hamburg, starting many fires; also Brindisi, and railway from Addis Ababa to the sea.

Nov. 18th.—R.A.F. attack gun emplacements at Cape Griz Nez, Nazi oil refineries, plants, naval bases in Nazi-occupied territory. London, Liverpool, suffer several air attacks, southern town heavily bombed. Greeks on offensive against last stand of Fascists at Koritza; aid British air force in assault on Italian lines. Spanish and Italian foreign ministers visit Ribbentrop, Hitler, at Berchtesgaden.

Nov. 19th.—Storms hold Nazi raids over Britain to minimum. R.A.F. scores direct hit on *Europa*, 49,000-ton Nazi Liner; Air Ministry says Krupp works production halved by R.A.F. blasting. Nine Italian planes down, two Greeks, no British, in air war over Greece and Albania. Germany to move on Greece, says Swiss report. 34th ship in *Jervis Bay* convoy in port, remaining four known to have sunk. Nazis sink 13 ships (10 British) in week ending Nov. 11th. U.S. starts work on Newfoundland base.

Nov. 20th.—Italians begin evacuation of Koritza. Hungary joins Axis alliance. Turkish papers say war near. R.A.F. bombs Skoda works in old Czechoslovakia, shipyards, docks, plants, three planes lost. Nazis make heavy air attack on Midland cities. U.S. releases famous bomb-sight to Britain.

Nov. 21st.—Light raids on London, many Nazi bombers driven back by anti-aircraft fire. Parliament re-opens in London. Greeks enter Koritza; Fascists replace many officers of unsuccessful army.

Nov. 22nd.—Greeks announce capture of Koritza, drive back Italian army on southern front. Premier Antonescu of Rumania visits Hitler; Russia advises Bulgaria against joining Axis, says report from Sofia. Comparatively quiet night over Britain; 2 Nazi planes shot down. R.A.F. bombs Stavanger.

Nov. 23rd.—R.A.F. attacks Nazi airdromes; ten enemy planes (7 Italian) brought down over Britain; severe night-long attacks on two Midlands cities. Coventry death toll now 422. Greeks drive out last Italian soldier from Greece, two divisions believed surrounded. Rumania signs up with Axis. Turkey proclaims martial law in districts adjoining Dardenelles. Lothian says Britain beginning to come to end of financial resources.

Nov. 24th.—R.A.F. bombs freight yards in Germany, Krupp plant, munitions works at Turin, invasion ports. Greeks occupy heights above Argirocastro; British troops landed at Greek mainland.

Nov. 25th.—R.A.F. makes terrific onslaught on invasion ports, one plane fails to return; also one plane lost in heavy attack on Durazzo, Fascist-held Albanian port. Greeks continue advance, capture equipment; 6,000 Italians taken prisoner to date, estimate. Bulgaria not to join Axis alliance, says Sofia; Berlin reports no Bulgarian visit expected in near future.

Nov. 26th.—Counter-attack by Italian reinforcements driven back by Greeks; British bombers scatter Fascist column. R.A.F. attacks Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, airdromes, lose one plane. London has first raid-free night since October 6th, western city again under attack. British want more ships from U.S. British war costs now over $40,000,000 daily. Halifax says if Bulgaria does not assist Axis, Britain will support Bulgarian independence in after-war settlement. Rome says Germany not to give aid in Greek war. Shipping losses, week ending November 17, total 59,534 tons, Admiralty reports.

Nov. 27th.—Nazi "Iron Guards" in Rumania kill 64 political prisoners, officials of former regime. British ship sunk by Nazi raider in Indian Ocean. Italians continue retreat. British naval forces attack Italian warships, drive them to their base, damage six. Eleven Nazi planes shot down over Britain, two R.A.F. planes lost. Britain to call up men 35 to 40 years. Conference at Delhi decides India, Australia, to give more help in war.

Nov. 28th.—Italians continue retreat. Rumanian assassinations continue; more Nazis arrive in Bucharest; Germans may move in "to keep order." Five Nazi bombers, 6 British fighters, down over Britain. R.A.F. bombs invasion ports. Further rationing likely in Britain.

Nov. 29th.—British bomb Italian ports in Albania; two vessels hit in attacks on African ports. Five enemy planes down, 2 R.A.F. fighters lost, over Britain. Liverpool severely attacked. Fighting in Rumanian cities.

Nov. 30th.—R.A.F. attacks Cologne, Bremen, invasion ports. Over 300 bombers massed in attack on London, other fleets over Midlands; most driven back, some bombs dropped. Rumanian Nazis (believed inspired by Gestapo) demonstrate over funeral of leader executed in 1938. Greek destroyer sinks Italian submarine, make gains on land. Pro-Nazi Vichy commissioner for Syria killed in plane crash, is announced. Free French have 35,000 troops, 20 warships, 60 merchant ships, 1,000 airmen.

Dec. 1st.—Southampton suffers heavy air raid. R.A.F. fighters down Nazi bomber in fight seven miles in air. Greeks continue advance. 3,006 enemy planes brought down over Britain and coastal waters during war, press estimates.

Dec. 2nd.—Four German divisions move towards Rumania, Iron Guards divided, disorder continues. Nazi bombers resume attack on Southampton, raids on London. 8 German planes and 5 British down, all British pilots safe. R.A.F. bombs Wilhelmshaven, other Nazi ports. Greeks take 5,000 prisoners. New York reports S.O.S. signals heard from ten British vessels in North Atlantic. Britain makes financial treaty with Spain. Submarine *Triad* lost, Admiralty reports.

Dec. 3rd.—Bristol, London, under air attack. R.A.F. attacks Naples, Lorient submarine base, shipping off Norway. Iron Guardists continue violence in Rumania, leaders lose control. Total of prisoners taken by Greeks said 13,000; Greeks advance past Porto Edda, drive Italians toward Elbasani. Forty U.S. pilots engaged in ferrying planes across Atlantic. Shipping losses, week ending Nov. 24th, 87,975 tons, 30,000 tons over weekly average. Britain orders 60 cargo ships in U.S. Galway Bay being used as Nazi submarine base, says New York despatch.

Dec. 4th.—Hitler may drop Mussolini as an Axis partner, as a result of the fiasco of the Greek campaign, seize Trieste, and seek alliance with France, says Washington report. Greeks expect soon to capture Porta Edda and Argirocastro. Storms reduce air attacks on Britain, Continent. R.A.F. planes now equipped with cannon. U.S. General Chaney, after six-weeks' observation, says Britain won't lose war. U.S. Federal Loan Administrator Jones says Britain "good risk" for loan. Nazi radio threatens French youth will "break stones for German roads" unless France "collaborates."

U.F.A. District Co-ops. Report Good Progress to Annual Conference

Large increases in business during a very satisfactory financial year were reported by six of the U.F.A. District Co-operatives in attendance at the Annual Conference of the Co-operatives held in the board room of the new U.F.A. Building in Calgary last week. George MacLachlan of Clyde was chairman of the gathering. J. A. Cameron of Wastina vice-chairman and D. H. Smith of Cereal secretary.

C. A. Fawcett and Mr. Smith were re-elected as representatives of the conference on the Board of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association.

Represented at the conference were the U.F.A. Central Co-operative and the following: Coronation and Acadia U.F.A. Constituency Co-operatives; Pembina and Innisfail U.F.A.. District Co-operatives; Milo District Co-operative; Huxley-Grainger, Hand Hills, and Lac Ste. Anne U.F.A. Co-operatives.

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A recent farmers meeting at Veteran has opened the way for wide extension of co-operative livestock marketing in all of Eastern Central Alberta. An article dealing with this matter is unavoidably held over until our next issue, as are a number of other features and correspondence.

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U.F.A. BROADCASTS

An important series of radio addresses was given last week by Mr. Priestley, Mrs. Ross and Miss Birch.

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Chester A. Ronning is contesting the Camrose by-election for the C.C.F.

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Amalgamation with the U.F.A. was favored by vote of the Alberta section, United Farmers of Canada, meeting in Edmonton last week. R. J. Boutillier, Willingdon, secretary, stated that the membership was 2,521.

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And here's to the good Christmas feast
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The gifts we may have for the giving
Let's give as tradition demands,
But give them to aid people living
In war-stricken lands.

Free peoples like us have a duty
The good things of life to maintain,
And Christmas adds kindness and beauty
To life in its annual refrain.
The victims of war we remember
And looking ahead we can see
The coming of some glad December
When they too are free.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

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BACON BOARD

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live hogs of $1.50 per cwt. Through action taken by the Bacon Board the price of hogs during the big delivery period was kept up to a level which was not warranted by the then marketing conditions. It is, therefore, not quite fair to compare the present price with the price which prevailed just before the announcement of the agreement." Mr. Gardiner advised Mr. Priestley that his letter would be turned over to Mr. Pearsall of the Bacon Board. The assurance from the Board already quoted was the result.

In the letter from the Board it was further stated: "Apparently the reference to $1.50 was on the basis of the old bacon contract price and the new bacon contract price. However, the relation between the changes in bacon and the changes in hog prices are not on the same basis. During the first year of the contract under the Bacon Board, records show that the average price of hogs at Edmonton was $7.73 per one hundredweight, live weight at Edmonton. This compared with packers' submitted costs of $7.78 per one hundredweight. Experience has shown that actual hog costs are somewhat higher than the stock yard quotations.

"During the week in which your letter was written, the Edmonton market was at $9.65 carcass grade, approximately equivalent to $7.25 live weight. Unless something unusual occurs to interrupt the regular movement of our bacon to the United Kingdom, there is no reason to believe that the price at Edmonton should register much below the above figure. As a matter of fact, the prospects being for a more favorable domestic demand, the price might be somewhat stronger.

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In one of a series of broadcasts given under the auspices of the U.F.A. last week, Mr. Priestley pointed out that the first agreement with the British Government provided for shipment of 5,600,000 pounds of bacon each week; but Britain actually took more—approximately 30 millions during the year, bringing to Canada $57,600,000, or $5,200,000 more than the contract called for.

Mr. Priestley added that according to the Minister of Agriculture, the Canadian surplus of Wiltshire sides this year will be increased to a total of 425,600,000 pounds, close to the amount Britain used to import from Denmark.

Information from the Bacon Board showed that the new agreement calls for payment on Grade A Wiltshire sides of $15.82, as compared with $18.01, a drop of $2.19 a hundredweight, or 12.11 per cent.

$17,000,000 Over First Agreement

"It is pointed out by the Minister of Agriculture," Mr. Priestley stated, "that this will mean an increase for Canada this year in hog production alone under the agreement of $69,300,000. This even at a lower rate is an increase of almost $17,000,000 more than was provided for under the agreement of a year ago, and more than $10,000,000 in excess of what was actually sold to Britain last year."

In writing Ottawa, Mr. Priestley forwarded a resolution by the U.F.A. Executive, urging that "persons selected by voluntary associations representing the farming industry" should be included in all conferences negotiating with British authorities upon matters concerning food supplies.

Won in Spite of 77 Per Cent of Daily Papers' Opposition

President Roosevelt was re-elected last month with the support of less than 23 per cent of the daily papers of the U.S., according to a survey made by Editor and Publisher; *and many of those were the smaller papers. In* 1932 *40 per cent of the dailies supported him, and in* 1936 *only* 36 *per cent. The issuing of a big daily requires big money, and money power in general is bitterly anti-Roosevelt.*

Offering to do ambulance work, or to serve as voluntary firefighters in Canada or in England, a delegation of Mennonites visited Ottawa, stating their conscientious objections to active war service.

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R. S. Law, President and Managing Director of the United Grain Growers, is convalescent, following serious illness of several weeks. It will be necessary for him to take an extended rest before resuming full official duties.

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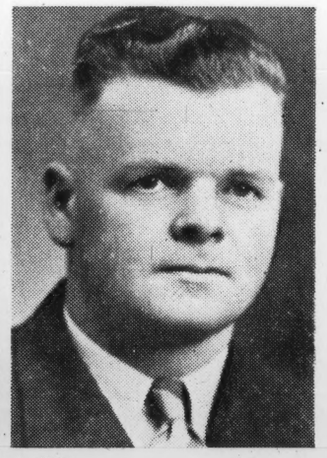

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A CHRISTMAS LETTER

Warwick Farm,
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Dear Farm Women:

While there may be many changes in life, December twenty-fifth continues to be Christmas Day. To be sure, Christmas conveys a different meaning to some from what it does to others who note it in their calendars, but to the majority it is in some way connected with merriment and feasting, with the giving or receiving of gifts and the gathering together of friends and relations when it is possible.

It seems to be a time we can enjoy through the years from the days when we were old enough to dream of Santa Claus coming with presents for good little girls and boys, and, mark you, only for the good ones. This sometimes necessitated some soul searching and also it is wonderful the number of reformed characters there have been through the years at this season.

Pleasures of Memory

Fortunately for many of us, our pleasure in the day did not stop at that stage of our life. We went on with other interests and other delights. Possibly the greatest pleasure of it to many of us older ones now, if we are not anticipating homecomings in our families, is the pleasure of memory. And what memories it may recall! It may be a beautiful Christmas tree, of stockings by the open fire-place, of bursting into Grandmother's for the Christmas party—there may be even a memory of some moments of discomfort after the dinner! It may mean a memory of children planning together as to how to spend limited savings on a present for Father or Mother, or possibly there may be a memory of the Christmas music from the carol singers or in the church or at home.

To make the memory a fine one, there is fortunately the thinking of others and of giving, as well as that of hoping for ourselves and of receiving. In fact Christmas makes a beautiful memory in so many ways, for with this recollection of fun and frolic, of getting and giving is the thought, as well, of the old, old message we heard over and over again—"Peace on Earth, Good will to men".

There is no doubt a trace of sadness in our thoughts because of these memories, as many of those who were the centre of Christmas for us are here no longer and many of those who are still celebrating Christmas are doing so many, many miles away. However, that is as nothing to the sadness in our hearts that Christmas this year will be such a very, very different day for so many, many people, and the realization that instead of peace and good will, war and ill-will prevail in so many countries.

Something We Can Do

Unfortunately in our limited capacities we can do little to effect a change this season. There is something we can do, however, in a very, very small way to further that old prayer. Probably most little country communities have some bitterness and ill-feeling in them; perhaps not open and glaring but an undercurrent which prevents the fullest co-operation and harmony. We can do our part to overcome that. Sometimes it may mean swallowing our pride; sometimes it may mean giving a greater kindness in interpreting the motives and actions of others and sometimes it may mean a direct "right about face". Whatever it is, it is worth it.

Although we can do little to ensure that very many people in the years to come will have happy memories of this Christmas, still each one of us can help that some others may. Some little child, some lonely person, some unfortunate one, some friend or neighbor can have a warmer glow at heart, a happier memory because of us. It takes so little if there is a kindly thought behind it.

And once again, my good wishes to you each and all,

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

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By buying from firms advertising in this issue you can give important support to *The Western Farm Leader*.

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Westvale U.F.W.A. (Heart Valley) are following the study course on "How to Buy". Like so many other U.F.W.A. Locals throughout the Province, they are working for the Red Cross; and the children of the community are foregoing presents at the School Christmas entertainment so that the money may be used to help children in bombed areas in Britain.

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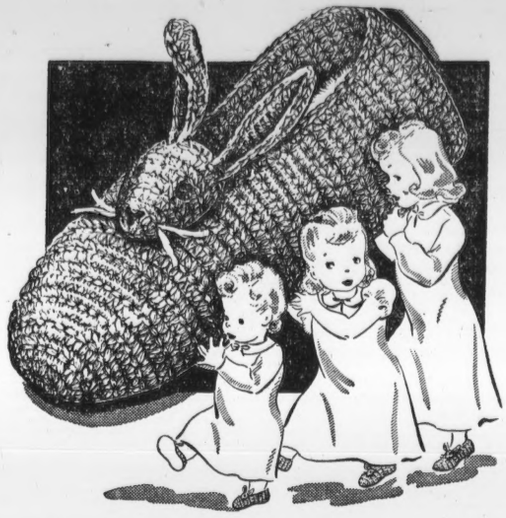

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Lemon Mincemeat: 1/2 cup lemon juice; 1 cup raisins, scalded, drained, and chopped; 3 cups finely chopped apples; 1/4 cup orange or lemon marmalade; 2 cups sugar; 1/2 cup chopped nut meats; 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon each of cloves and ginger. Makes filling for 2 pies; add 1/4 cup melted butter to each pie.

Plum Pudding: 1 cup beef suet, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1/2 cup honey, 1-1/2 pounds each raisins and currants, 1 cup blanched almonds, 1/2 cup citron peel, 1/2 teaspoon each salt, cloves and nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 eggs, 1/2 cup milk, 1 level teaspoon soda dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water, enough flour to hold mixture together. Steam 2 hours.

Hard Sauce: Cream together 1/2 cup butter and 1-1/2 cups icing sugar; beat very thoroughly; flavor with lemon, or vanilla and nutmeg.

Tomato Cocktail: Add to one half can of tomatoes 3 whole cloves, 1/2 teaspoon each salt, pepper, vinegar, minced or dried parsley and 1 teaspoon minced onion; boil 5 minutes, strain and chill.

Raisin Spice Cookies: 3/4 cup butter (or other shortening); 1 teaspoon each salt and cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon allspice; 1-1/2 cups brown sugar, 2 eggs, well beaten; 1-2/3 cups rolled oats, 1 cup raisins, 1 teaspoon soda, 1-1/2 cups flour, 1/4 cup milk. Drop by spoonfuls and bake 10 to 15 minutes.—*M. R.*, Calgary.

Tom Thumb Cookie Bars: Mix 1/2 cup butter with 1/2 cup brown sugar and 1 cup sifted flour, spread in pan and bake until light brown. Mix 1 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 well beaten eggs, 1 tablespoon flour, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1-1/2 cups shredded cocoanut, 1 cup nuts; spread over first mixture

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Christmas at Grandma's

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

ENID was not quite sure whether or not she liked the plan of going with her parents to spend the Christmas holidays at Grandma's. It was a disappointment to miss her best friend's party, and the school concert, and going to the movies. On the other hand, a trip was always exciting. She didn't remember her grandma at all, as she had not seen her since she was a very small child.

Her Dad was very glad to be going to see his mother, and his brothers. Uncle Jim, who would soon be going to the war, was to be home on leave and besides, there were Uncle Charlie and Paul; and Uncle Rob and Aunt Nell and their children.

Enid wished very much that there had been a little girl about her own age—ten—among the cousins; Paul was eleven and only a boy; and the other children, Laura, Teddy and Bobby, were just babies, Laura being seven, Teddy six and Bobby hardly two. The more she though about it, the more unhappy Enid felt about the good times her own chums would be having while she was away.

The weather was dark and cold, and the trip proved less exciting than Enid had hoped; so it was a rather discontented little girl who arrived at Grandma's house on Christmas

Eve. Grandma was a very jolly person, but she was large, and spoke and moved quickly, and Enid was a tiny bit afraid of her. She was a little shy of the three strange uncles too, and not much interested in all the grown-up talk. Paul was listening eagerly to all they said; Teddy and Laura seemed nice little things, staying close to their mother and trying to help entertain Bobby, who didn't like being away from home and was cross and fretful.

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Christmas morning brought the Christmas tree—a beautiful one, with lots of shining decorations—and such nice presents for everyone that it would have been hard for anyone in that house to feel anything but very happy. Grandma cooked a grand dinner, too, Aunt Nell and Mother bustling about and helping, and the uncles pretending to want to take a hand and being chased out of the kitchen as nothing but nuisances. Laura was arranging the knives and forks, so Enid offered to help, too, and felt quite important filling the salts and peppers and carrying in bowls and dishes, plates of bread and rolls; "Not too much bread," warned Grandma, "No one will eat much bread today, I hope." The turkey was delicious, and so were the plum pudding and the oranges and nuts and candy.

After dinner, Paul took all the children except Bobby, who had a sleep, to see his pet pony, and the other horses, and the cows, and the family of kittens who lived in the stable. That was interesting, but rather frightening, and it was too cold to enjoy being out for very long. However, Paul went out again with his dad, and the uncles and Louis, the hired man, to help do the chores.

Then there was supper, though no one was *very* hungry, and in the evening Uncle Bob led them all in playing such games as "Jacob and Rachel" and musical chairs—everyone, from Grandma to little Bobby, enjoying the fun. Aunt Nell played the piano, and they all sang, and then Uncle Jim sang alone. Enid sang a song she had learned at school, and everyone praised her; and altogether the evening was a great success.

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Next day, though, things began rather badly. It was too stormy to be outdoors; Bobby felt rather cross, Uncle Rob had to ride over to his own home, and the other grown-ups were busy talking by themselves.

"Let's have a ship!" cried Laura. "Grandma, may we have a table for a ship?"

"Have the side table, if you like," agreed Grandma; "All you children run and play in the dining-room; Paul, you help me move the big table to one side. Now, go ahead and enjoy yourselves," and Grandma went out and closed the door. Enid sat down by the window to look on, not much attracted by the idea of pretending that a table was a ship; but Paul fell in with the scheme. "Teddy can be captain," he said, "and Laura the engineer, and Bobby a passenger."

"We must have some flags," said Teddy, and Paul brought some clean dusters, which were just the thing.

"Now we'll name the ports," said Paul.

"How will you get the ship from one port to another?" objected Enid, beginning to be a little interested.

"Oh, we just pretend," explained Teddy; "we move the rugs and chairs to the ship, and pretend the ship's moving to them."

"It's just as good," added Laura.

"You can be the radio station and send out warnings about the weather," offered Paul to Enid.

"No, you," said Enid. "I'll be waiting here, at Vancouver, until the boat calls to take me to Seattle."

They went on, thinking of new ideas to work into the game, and Enid enjoyed seeing "the little kids" having such a good time; even Bobby, who still didn't feel quite well enough to smile, was interested in watching the others.

After lunch, Enid read aloud to Teddy and Laura, from one of their new books. It was the story of the Babes in the Wood, and was so sad that it made Teddy cry a little—after all, he was only six years old, and it *is* a sad story. Enid didn't know what to do. She thought quickly. "I'll tell you what, Teddy," she said. "We'll make up some more of the story ourselves, and dramatize it, like we do in school."

"What's that?" asked Laura, while Teddy dried his eyes.

"We'll act it out," explained Enid. "You and Teddy can be the babes. You didn't die at all, the robins just thought so. You found a little cave in the woods to live in—"

"Let's have the cave under the table," cried Paul, putting down his own storybook.

"We'll need a rug or something to put over it," said Enid.

"I'll get one," and Paul ran off.

So they made up another ending for the old story, and Enid played the part of an old witch, a good one, who lived nearby the cave, and brought food to the hungry Babes—Paul found such a nice basket for Enid to carry, and Grandma let them have all the buns and butter and apples they liked, to put in the basket and afterwards to eat. And they had "tea" made of hot milk, to go with it. Paul then became a wood-cutter who lived in the woods, and the good witch also brought him some nice things to eat, from her basket, before returning to her own little hut (another rug over two chairs in the corner).

Next day, Paul had a good idea. He had seen a small puppet-show, and suggested that they make one themselves, and play their own new version of the "Babes in the Woods". Everyone was delighted with the idea. He made the "theatre" from a cardboard box that groceries had come in, and Teddy and Laura helped decorate the sides, and paint a scene at the back, with Teddy's new crayons. Paul put a wire across the top, on which they hung the actors that Enid was busily making from scraps of heavy paper, gluing on bits of cloth for clothes. Enid and Paul said the things that the little actors were supposed to say and pulled the strings to move them about. The small children were delighted to sit

in front and clap their hands; later, when they saw how it was done, they were able to help manage the actors, too.

Altogether, they spent some very happy days together; Enid was surprised to find how pleasant it was, to help amuse the small children; indeed, she frankly admitted that she had as much fun from the "pretending" games as anyone. She hardly gave a thought to the parties and movies she was missing, and when it was time to go home she was very sorry, and went away hoping that next year again they might all have such another delightful Christmas at Grandma's.

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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

World trade in wheat has been proceeding at a very low ratio, the total for the first 3-1/2 months of the crop year being 73 million bushels, which averages about 21 million bushels a month. At that rate the total for the year would be only 252 million bushels. With the spread of the war in Europe and with increasing attacks on merchant shipping, it is difficult to see how this trade can be greatly accelerated.

In the meantime supplies are piling up in Canada. Last week the total visible Canadian wheat reached the figure of 464 million bushels, an increase of about six million over the previous week, and another all-time record.

Argentina has prospects of a pretty fair crop and a substantial exportable surplus. While the Australian crop is poor, around 90 million bushels, the large carryover gives that country abundant supplies.

The United States winter wheat crop is reported to be in good condition and a fair crop is anticipated for next year.

No immediate solution of the wheat pile-up in exporting countries is in sight. Once the war ends a substantial demand might reasonably be expected, but every present indication would lead to the belief that the conflict will be a long one.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Dec. 3rd.—The cattle market is somewhat stronger and an increase in prices is noted. Good to choice butcher steers are $6.75 to $7.75, common to medium $5 to $6.50; good to choice light heifers $6.50 to $7, common to medium and heavies $5 to $6.25; good cows $4.25 to $4.50; canners and cutters $2 to $2.75; good heavy bulls $4.50 to $4.75, common to medium $3.50 to $4.25. Good to choice vealers are $6.75 to $7.50, common to medium $4 to $6.50; good stocker and feeder steers $6 to $6.75, common to medium $5 to $5.75. The hog market is steady with B1 dressed weight being quoted at $9.65.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Dec. 3rd.—Trading on the cattle market is active with prices firmer. Good to choice fed calves are $7 to $7.50; good to choice fed steers $6.50 to $7.50, common to medium $3.50 to $6.50; good to choice heifers $6 to $6.50, common to medium $3.50 to $6; good cows $4 to $4.50; canners and cutters $2.75 down and bulls $3 to $4. Stockers and feeders are steady at $5 to $6 for good stocker steers and $4.50 to $5 for good heifers; common stockers $3.50 to $6.50. Hogs are steady at $9.70, B1, dressed weight. Good to choice lambs are $7.50 to $8, yearlings $5 down and ewes $3.50 down.

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factured forms of natural silk (but not artificial silk) and all petroleum products. In regard to this list, the Minister said, "It is the intention gradually to reduce the amount of imports that will be permitted, and it is expected that the Canadian industries using the raw and semi-finished materials on this list will gradually have to adapt themselves to the use of domestic materials or materials from other sources."

The import duty on a number of commodities from Britain has been reduced. British producers, the Minister pointed out, "have faced special obstacles in export markets in wartime because of the higher costs of production consequent upon air raid dangers and other conditions in Britain, and also because of the greatly increased shipping freights and insurance costs." Not only will the reduction of tariffs aid Britain in a substantial way, but Canada will also be benefitted because Canada has plenty of sterling to pay for these imports.

Free List for Some British Foods

The commodities placed on the free list are: all cotton items, not already imported free; all artificial silk items; bituminous coal; jellies, jams and marmalade; furniture of all kinds and gloves and mitts and a number of miscellaneous items. Duties on the following items imported from Britain are reduced: pharmaceutical preparations, soap, earthenware, table cutlery, bicycles, electric motors, etc., rugs, carpets, oilcloth and linoleum.

"These measures," said the Minister, "are measures for the conservation of exchange, but they have more than a monetary significance. By denying ourselves a wide range of imports and by these reductions and removals of duties on British goods, we once more say to Britain and to the world that we are with her and that we have faith in her ultimate success."

At the moment of writing, adjournment of Parliament draws near. The session will be resumed on February 17th, after the Dominion-Provincial conference has met and discussed the Sirois report.

Britain's Position More Favorable

It has been a quiet session, and that quietness has of course been caused by the shadows of the war. Answering a request by the leader of the Conservative opposition the Prime Minister reviewed the war situation. It was more favorable, he said, than when France collapsed and at any time since then. Long, hard and terrible days of struggle lie before the British Commonwealth. "The situation," he said, "is bound to become increasingly serious as warfare spreads to new seas and shores and as mutual destruction continues, as it most certainly will, with ever increasing fury. . . .

"No one can say that the world even now may not be heading for Armageddon. The one thing that, under the Providence of God, may save the world this supreme tragedy, is the might of Britain, strengthened, supported and sustained by the power of the British Dominions and India, the help of the United States, and such aid as it may yet be within the power of other liberty-loving peoples to give. To use words already quoted; in order to overthrow the enemy and save mankind 'it is going to take all that all of us can give'."

Dairy Market

Butter markets are very strong and due to the seasonal low production and the definite increase in consumption a continued firm market is looked for. Prices have increased slightly, Toronto now 31-1/2, Montreal 31-5/8, and Winnipeg 30, while locally butter fat is 27 and first grade prints 31c. Stock figures are keenly awaited and it is anticipated that an even greater reduction in stock will be noted.

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omic system. He sees clearly and is emphasizing the fact that you will never have a contented country where one-third of the population receives less than one-sixth of the National Income.

Perhaps he saw Capital fully organized, economic giants buying raw material from primary producers and selling to consumers, and with their tremendous bargaining power, taking the lion's share, thus throwing the whole of our economic machinery out of balance, destroying the people's purchasing power, the deficiency of which is the main cause of unemployment.

Must Take Share of Blame

In any case, we, the rank and file of the people, must take our share of the blame, for we have handed to these captains of industry and finance the power they now hold. Dr. M. M. Coady, of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, head of that now famous program of co-operative education and action of the St. Francis Xavier Movement in Nova Scotia, terms this the great default of the people. He says that if the masses of the people have in a sense become slaves, it is because they have not taken the steps or expended the effort necessary to control and direct our business enterprises. He tells in his admirable book "Masters of Their Own Destiny", how the majority of the people have handed over the marketing of their products, the distribution of goods, the handling of our financial institutions to a few people who were willing to take on the job.

He believes that people *can* and *must* become masters of their own destiny, and they will do so only when they rebuild their communities by establishing agencies and services which serve their wants *and which are owned and operated by themselves.* By doing so, says Dr. Coady, they will save money, and this is something. But they will also save themselves and their right to be called men, and that is everything.

Both Practical and Idealistic

All who give leadership to co-operative thought, the world over, believe that we may each make a good living without doing so at the expense of someone else and this "good neighbor attitude" is only a beginning. It is followed through with a definite technique for the organization and transaction of everyday business. It is practical as well as idealistic. Co-operation is a state of mind (a religion if you like); it is a design for living, a new pattern of life not only to think seven days a week, year in and year out, but also to practise it.

Fraternally yours,

Geo. K. MacShane.

PRESIDENT.

FOR HOLIDAY MENUS

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and bake 25 minutes in medium oven. —*M.R.*, Calgary.

Velvet Molasses Candy: Cook 1 cup molasses with 1-1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup water and 1-1/2 tablespoons vinegar in a heavy pan, stirring constantly; when it boils, add 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar; boil until it is brittle when tried in cold water. Add 4 tablespoons melted butter and a small pinch of soda; pour into buttered pan; when cool enough to handle, pull until light colored, adding 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon lemon or a few drops of peppermint flavoring; cut in small pieces.

Apples, polished and shining, look well hanging on a Christmas tree; they can be suspended by string run through the core on a strong darning needle. And they are always decorative on the table or sideboard, in a low bowl or basket. Delicious to eat, too, they have the third great virtue of providing essential minerals and vitamins. They are rich in Vitamin A —especially McIntosh, Winesaps and Yellow Newtons. Vitamin A builds up resistance to nose and throat infections. Canadian apples, particularly Yellow Newtons and Spitzenbergs, also have a high content of Vitamin C, needed for keeping teeth and bones healthy.

Dry Cure for Pork: For each 100 lbs. of meat, mix thoroughly 8 lbs. salt, 2 lbs. brown sugar, and 3 ounces saltpetre. Wash the pieces of meat well, and while still moist, rub well with the salt mixture, forcing a little around bones. (It is better to remove bones from larger hams). Leave the meat spread out on a table, in a cool room. In from 7 to 10 days, rub again with the salt mixture; this second rubbing should use all the mixture. Leave in cool room as before; bacon requires from 10 to 14 days, hams 2 to 3 days per pound. Then apply Liquid Smoke, and allow to season 30 to 60 days for hams, 15 days for bacon.

Estimating Bin Contents

Description of the method of finding out the number of bushels of grain in a granary or bin is given by Dr. K. W. Neatby, director of the Agricultural Department of the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, as follows:

First find cubical contents of bin. For square or rectangular bins, multiply the length in feet by the width by the depth, this giving the number of cubic feet. For round bins, multiply the radius by the radius by 3.14 and multiply this by the depth (the radius is one-half the diameter).

For example, suppose our bin is 8x16 and the grain is 6 feet deep, then:

8x16x6=768 cubic feet.

Then if we have a round bin 16 feet in diameter (radius 8 feet) with the grain 7 feet deep:

8x8x3.14x7=1,406.72 cubic feet.

In order to convert cubic feet to measured bushels, it is only necessary to multiply by 0.8. Therefore, our first bin contains 768x0.8=614.4 measured bushels. Our second bin contains 1,406.72, or roughly 1,407, cubic feet. This is 1,407x0.8=1,125.6 measured bushels.

If it is desired to determine the number of bushels by weight, simply multiply the figure for measured bushels by the actual weight per bushel, and divide by the legal weight (wheat, 60 lb.; barley, 48 lb.; oats, 34 lb.). If, in our first example, the grain was wheat weighing 65-lb. per bushel, we would have 614.4x65/60=665.6 bushels.

BOOKS FROM ENGLAND

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For Little Children

For little children, or for anybody's gayer moments, there is *Babar and Father Christmas*, another book written and illustrated by the delightful French writer Jean de Brunhoff. M. de Brunhoff died a few years ago, but the wise publishers spread out the translations of his books so that our Christmases may be merrier.

There are fewer children's books on English lists this year, but the best of them have survived to remind us of the imperishable world of the imagination.

Children's Book List

Here is a list of books from England (with prices and publishers' names) by the authors I have mentioned:

Ransome—(Publisher, Cape, $2.50 each), "Swallows & Amazons"; "Swallowdale"; "Peter Duck"; "Coot Club"; "Secret Water"; "The Big Six".

Spring—(Ryerson $1.75), "Sampson's Circus"; "Tumbledown Dick".

Lofting—(Cape $1.50), "Adventures of Dr. Dolittle"; "Dr. Dolittle's Circus", etc.

Doorly—(Ryerson $1.50), "Radium Woman".

Brunhoff—(MacM. $3.50), "Babar and Father Christmas". (Some of the other Babar books may be had in a smaller edition for $1.25.)

If your bookseller cannot supply you with these books they may all be obtained in Toronto.

Important victories have been won recently by Chinese forces in bitter fighting against Japanese armies. Two Japanese warships were sunk by Chinese mines in the Yangtse River.

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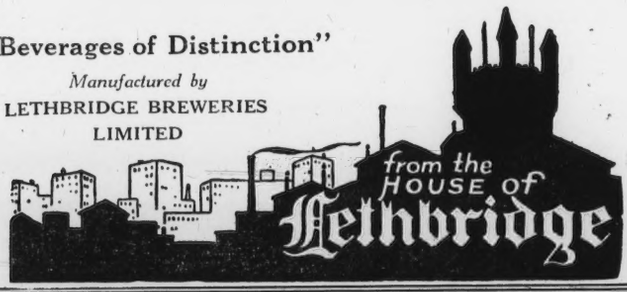

Australia's Wheat Control

Inducement to Limit Acreage

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Postcard from Cecil Kappey intimates that if the meek do inherit the earth it will be a six-foot plot.

* *

But our guess is that the taxes would take it away from 'em.

* *

According to Cynical Gus, a gentleman is a man you don't know very well.

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No news may be good news, but no luck is bad luck.

* *

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that cold weather means naught when it comes to zero.

* *

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

And he's a real old timer if he doesn't think it nice for a weak woman to use strong language.

* *

The more a man minds his own business, the more business he'll have to mind.

* *

If Mussolini can't even provide the Greece, how in heck does Hitler hope to get the Turkey?

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GALS I HAVE MET
(No. 7—Ruth)

She's a dainty little damsel,
Sweet as roses are in June;
Eyes alight with innocence
And a smile that's quite in tune.
She is like a lovely flower
That awaits the morning dew,
Ere unfolding all her beauty
To the summer skies of blue.
Soon, soon, a gentle blossom
At the kiss of love shall start,
And a very lucky fellow
Wear this flower in his heart.
—Knotty Frankie.

* *

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, says she's going to buy us a new safety razor for Christmas because she wants a chin she loves to touch.

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It used to be said when Greek meets Greek they open up a restaurant. But now, when Greek meets Italian, it's Mussolini's gang that gets opened up.

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We understand that St. Nicholas is going to have a tough time filling German stockings this time, but Old Nick will be just as busy as ever in Berlin.

THE KISS YOU NEVER GAVE
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There's a kiss that I for ever shall remember,
A sweet caress for which my soul will crave,
A kiss one night in red and gold September,
The kiss, my dear—the kiss you never gave.

Though mem'ries fade as time goes onward fleeting
I'll ne'er forget that lovely Autumn eve;
I dream, though all in vain, of our next meeting
And blissful fancies round the future weave.

Though Autumn's gold gives place to Dark December,
There is a sweet caress of which I rave—
A kiss one night in red and gold September,
The kiss, my dear,—the kiss you never gave.

Communication from the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest says that a man is not beaten if, when he can hold on no longer, he refuses to let go.

Postcard from Cynical Gus says that most of Dr. Goebbels propaganda is just a lot of Ribbentripe.

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Things must be improving in occupied France. Yep, the Nazis have allowed the pawnshops to reopen.

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"Stanford Professor Produces 3,000,000 Volt Spark"—headline. Oh, wotta man, sighs Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp.

ALLEGORY

O, silent night!
No English bells ring forth
To tell the story of good will on earth.
Yet, peace shall dawn and there shall come
A time when we shall hate the beat of drum
And martial music sounding on the air,
Yea, we shall look for soldiers everywhere
And, looking, we shall wring our hands and find
Blood, not water—
Shall we still be blind?

Many a guy who boasts that he came from a good family should have stayed at home.

Not much about Christmas in this column folks? Well, we haven't yet made up our mind if there will be a Santa Claus this year.

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And another thing that this country needs is a lipstick that makes lips look like lips.

* *

RAISE YOU FIVE!

SPORT

Toronto Maple Leafs are at present undisputed leaders in the N.H.L. Hockey loop, having a good margin on their nearest rivals, Detroit Tigers. Much interest is being taken in the Chicago club this season by Western fans for besides being coached by Calgary's Paul Thompson, a number of prairie pucksters, including Max Bentley and Dave MacKay, both of whom are trying the big stuff for the first time, are dishing up some dazzling hockey. The Blackhawks are now in third position but show definite signs of becoming one of the National Circuit's big noises.

Alberta Senior Hockey Clubs threaten to make the 1940-1941 season one of the best the Prairie Province has

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SPORT

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ever seen. Stampeders and Lethbridge at this time are tied for first place but in spite of this it would be very difficult to pick the strongest sextet. According to statistics Stampeders have a slight edge for they have never been out of first position even though they have shared that honor spot. When any two of the four clubs meet anything can happen but one thing is certain—the game is bound to be a dilly!

While Western Canada sits back and fumes at the rugby playoffs between Ottawa Rough Riders and Balmy Beach being labelled "The Canadian Grid Final", Winnipeg Blue Bombers have given up the idea of meeting the East for the East-West playoffs. What other club has more right to play for the Dominion Title than these Bombers?—they won the Canadian Title themselves last year and had no trouble in gaining the Western championship this season. We've listened to innumerable explanations but it's still a mystery—which we don't particularly admire.

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